



IOWA STUDENT LOAN
LIQUIDITY CORPORATION

January 16, 2002

Attention: Renata Hesse
Judge Kolar Kottely
U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
601 D Street, N.W., Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Judge Kottely,

From the perspective of a regulatory compliance officer for Iowa's state-designated secondary market for student loans, I have followed the Microsoft antitrust case with great interest and look forward to a settlement.

Working with college graduates and students of Iowa colleges and universities, we are well aware of the growing number of young people exiting our state after completing higher education. To stem this tide, businesses and our state government continue to focus attention on how best to keep and attract college graduates to Iowa — investment in our cities, increasing amounts and availability of venture capital, creating a business climate that is inviting to companies.

It is unfortunate our state is one of only nine others whose Attorney General did not sign on to the proposed Microsoft antitrust settlement before you. It does not help our state's cause to attract burgeoning tech companies or young professionals. I do not believe his position is representative of the majority of Iowa residents or businesses — which is what compelled me to write.

The settlement on the table has taken a great deal of time and effort from the parties involved. It is a fair settlement and your approval of it would take a large pace toward the finish line in this marathon case.

Thank you for accepting my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James G. Solo".

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